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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

|   | Application #  | New Application       |
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|   | Confirmation # | 10/58884#             |
| ĺ | Filing Date    | On even date herewith |
|   | First Inventor | BARDAZZI              |
|   | Art Unit       |                       |
|   | Examiner       |                       |
|   | Docket #       | P09009US00/MP         |
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SIR:

Prior to examination:

- A) please consider the responsive Remarks provided herewith in Attachment A; and
- B) please amend the above identified application as follows:
  - Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims provided herewith in Attachment B.

In view of the amendments made and the remarks provided, it is submitted that the present application is now in condition for examination.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: August 9, 2006

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